

# MTSU TENNESSEE TEACH BACK INITIATIVE

The MTSU **Tennessee Teach Back Initiative** is a teacher preparation initiative developed by the College of Education. It recruits high school students to earn an initial teaching license at MTSU and teach in high-need areas of the state.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

As a sponsoring school district, you would pay any portion of the student's bill that is not covered by scholarships or grants. The University seeks to develop partnerships with school districts and city/county officials to support candidates in this program.

Participating partners will be engaged in all aspects of the program, including recruitment, retention, career opportunities for students.

## THE BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Last-dollar scholarships
- Opportunity to live with other Education Students in the Difference Makers living-learning community on campus
- Specialized engagement and advising support
- Involvement in Education student groups
- Praxis prep workshops
- EdTPA prep workshops
- Networking opportunities
- Mentoring and networking opportunities
- Social skills development
- Mental and emotional health support
- Career readiness and induction support
- Stipends for travel
- Relationships with mentor in-service teachers
- Guaranteed position in sponsor district

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The College of Education at Middle Tennessee State University supports the mission of our institution by provided comprehensive student-centered environments through excellence in teaching, basic and applied research, creative endeavors, quality advisement, and diverse partnership programs. In addition to be a premier teacher preparation program, the College of Education is characterized by nationally accredited intensive programs that provide knowledge and skills necessary for success in other professional rolls in education.

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Cultural education
- Community engagement
- Advocacy
- Research and scholarly activities
- Recruitment and retention of students, staff, and faculty



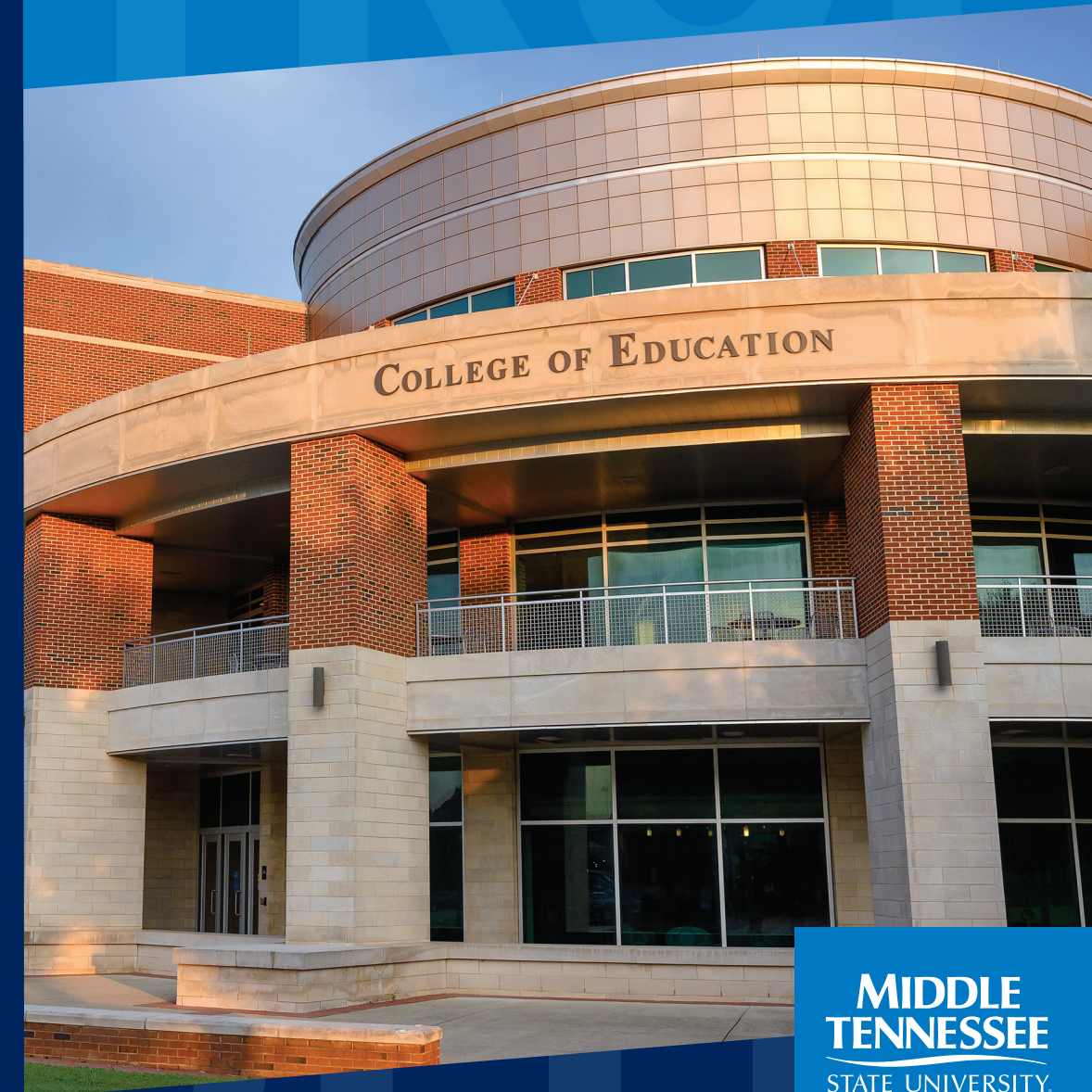
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Partner with MTSU to prepare teachers for  
**your classrooms**



# THE COSTS

## Approximate annual cost at MTSU (fall 2023)

Tuition and fees (15 hours per semester, in-state tuition)	\$9,592
Housing in shared dorm room (approximately \$3,000 per semester)	\$6,000
Meal plan (approximately \$2,200 per semester)	\$4,400
Books	\$1,200
<b>Total annual in-state costs (approximate)</b>	<b>\$21,192</b>

## Potential aid to offset costs (in annual award dollars)

Full Pell Grant (for lowest-income students)	\$6,895
HOPE Lottery Scholarship (with ACT 21 or SAT 1060 or 3.0 high school GPA)	\$4,500

### Guaranteed scholarships if student applies by Dec. 1:

Centennial Scholar (ACT 34–36, GPA 3.5)	\$8,000
Trustee Scholarship (ACT 30–33, GPA 3.5)	\$5,000
Presidential Scholarship (ACT 25–29, GPA 3.5)	\$4,500
True Blue Scholarship (ACT 22–24, GPA 3.5)	\$3,500

### Guaranteed scholarships if student applies after Dec. 1:

Century Scholar (ACT 34–36, GPA 3.5)	\$6,000
Lightning Scholarship (ACT 30–33, GPA 3.5)	\$3,000
Blue Raider Scholarship (ACT 25–29, GPA 3.5)	\$2,500
Future Alumni Scholarship (ACT 22–24, GPA 3.5)	\$1,500

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## PURPOSE

- To provide equitable access and intentional retention of teacher candidates
- To support students enrolled in initial teacher licensure programs in the College of Education
- To increase the number of teachers serving underserved populations as well as reducing educational disparities in classrooms across Tennessee

## ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Recruit, support, retain, graduate, and promote 50 teacher candidates over a three-year period who will teach in the state of Tennessee.
- Engage teacher candidates in social and professional activities alongside campus and community partners.
- Help teacher candidates successfully attain Education degrees, teaching licenses, and employment within the network of approved underserved and rural Tennessee communities.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Collaborate with partner districts to identify and recruit prospective students.
- Support Teach Back Scholars in achieving admission to the Teacher Education Program.
  - Provide Praxis Core exam preparation support.
  - Provide financial resources for test and background check expenses.
- Retain Teach Back Scholars once they are in the Teacher Education Program.
  - Provide academic, tutoring, and mental health resources.
- Support Teach Back Scholars through graduation, licensure, and induction.
  - Provide licensure and edTPA support.
  - Provide career prep support.

